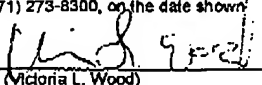


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

As a preliminary matter, please do not enter the amendment after final dated August 24, 2005. This paper is submitted in its place. In response to the Advisory Action dated February 6, 2006 and the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-16 and 18-21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows in view of Applicants' request for continued examination

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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